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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 7,1977
SENT TOKYO INFO SEOUL, WHITE HOUSE IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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FOR CHARGE SHOESMITH, WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OTRA, KS, JA, US

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ ON KOREAN TROOP WITH-
DRAWAL

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO SEND JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN
AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO SEOUL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
ROKG ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL FOLLOWED BY CONSULTATIONS WITH
GOJ IN TOKYO. ROKG HAS ACCEPTED VISIT AND GENERAL BROWN
AND MR. HABIB WILL BE IN SEOUL MAY 24-26, DEPARTING
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MORNING OF MAY 27. THEY ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY
TO TOKYO, ARRIVING THAT AFTERNOON FOR CONSULTATIONS. IF
REQUIRED THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE ALSO ON MAY 28.

2. GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB WILL BE PREPARED
TO OUTLINE TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA THE PRESIDENT'S THINK-
ING ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE
DECISION TO WITHDRAW THESE FORCES, AND WISH TO AFFORD
FUKUDA FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL VIEWS,
THROUGH THESE EMISSARIES. PURPOSE IS TO INITIATE PROCESS
OF FULL AND CANDID CONSULTATION WITH GOJ, AS WE HAVE

PLEDGED WOULD BE DONE.

3. YOU SHOULD APPROACH FONOFF IMMEDIATELY ON HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO CONVEY PRESIDENT'S WISH TO SEND

BROWN AND HABIB ON DATES MENTIONED PARA. 1, FOR PURPOSE
AS OUTLINED PARA. 2, AND ASK FOR EARLY CONFIRMATION OF
DATES. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE TO FONOFF THAT, UPON
CONFIRMATION BY GOJ OF DATES, WE ENVISAGE MAKING A PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK OF THE VISIT.

4. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE MINDFUL OF GOJ NEED TO
CAST CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IN TERMS WHICH WILL NOT CAUSE
DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS OR REVIVE CONTROVERSY OVER
US-JAPAN SECURITY TIES AND KOREA. CONSEQUENTLY WILL
WELCOME GOJ COMMENTS RE HANDLING OF TOKYO VISIT,
INCLUDING PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS. IF GOJ WISHES, WOULD
BE HAPPY TO CASE VISIT IN AS LOW KEY AS JAPANESE MAY
WISH. IF PRIME MINISTER UNAVAILABLE OR WISHES, GENERAL
BROWN AND MR. HABIB WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH OTHER
APPROPRIATE RANKING GOJ OFFICIALS.

5. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT UNTIL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT,
VISIT SHOULD BE HELD CLOSELY. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE
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